GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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PROTECTION OF FOREST WEALTH
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal for protection of forest wealth in the country,

(b) if so, the details thereof especially in hilly areas of the country;

(c) whether the Government proposes to compensate the Hilly State for preserving the forest wealth such as to provide royalty on the basis of minerals;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN)

(a) Yes, Sir. Government of India is implementing a scheme 'Intensification of Forest Management Scheme" under which fund is released to States/UTs for forest protection.

(b) The fund released during last three years under different components of the scheme including hilly states is annexed as Annexure-I.

(c) to (e) No, Sir. At present Ministry of Environment and Forests does not have any such proposal.